Welcome, Chancellor Gardner!

The Ohio Department of Higher Education welcomes Randy Gardner as its 10th Chancellor!

Chancellor Gardner, whose first day was January 14, 2019, was appointed to the position by Governor Mike DeWine. Chancellor Gardner comes to the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) from the Ohio Senate, where he had served for a total of 13 years. He had recently been chosen as Senate Majority Leader for this latest term. He also served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1985 to 2000, and again from 2008 through 2012. For the past eight years, he served as chairman of the Finance Higher Education Subcommittee, a post he held in both the House and the Senate.

A well-respected leader in state government, Chancellor Gardner has also previously served as Senate President Pro Tempore, House Majority Leader, and House Speaker Pro Tempore. His work ethic was exemplified by his 100 percent voting record over 33 years – more than 10,430 consecutive votes.

Chancellor Gardner and his wife, Sandy, reside in Bowling Green and are the parents of three children—Brooks, Christina, and Austin.

SB216 Panel Discussion

A SB216 panel discussion was hosted by Ohio University in November. Panelists included Jessica Mercerhill, senior director of educator preparation at ODHE; Carolyn Everidge-Frye, executive
director of the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE) Center for Teaching, Leading and Learning; and Ohio University faculty and their k-12 partners. Video of the panel is available on YouTube.

Annual Ed Prep Reports Are Coming

The 2018 Annual Educator Preparation Program Reports will be published no later than February 15. Data used in these reports are already available for download by Metrics Reporting System users.

Did You Know?

Ed Prep has a Resources page on the ODHE website! It contains Accountability and Continuous Improvement, Accreditation, and Guidance resources for programs along with links to resources from ODE and the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council. You can find the resources page by clicking here.

Faculty Credentialing Information

Guidance on appropriate faculty credentialing for educator preparation is now available on the Resources page of the Ed Prep website under the Guidance for Programs heading. Please consult this to ensure your program is complying with these accrediting and state requirements.

Reminder - Middle Childhood Candidates

The temporary option for licensing in only one Middle Childhood content area will be closing July 1, 2019. Any student applying for a Middle Childhood license on or after July 1, 2019 must be eligible for licensing in two content areas in order for the license to be issued.
This temporary option was established in 2013 at the beginning of the implementation of the new middle grades licensure content exams in order to provide transition time to the two content area requirement. Additionally, the middle grades exams have been realigned to the grades 4-9 content. As a result, the option for licensing in only one middle childhood content area will sunset on June 30, 2019.

**Praxis Exams**

Effective July 1, 2019, candidates who completed Ohio-approved licensure programs but did not obtain an educator license must pass the Ohio Assessment for Educators (OAE) exam(s) required for that license. The Department will no longer accept Praxis exams completed for licensure programs if the licensure candidate did not also receive the correlating license.

**ABConduct Tip Sheets**

ABConduct Tip Sheets for educators are published through the Office of Processional Conduct to assist educators in navigating ethics in teaching. Visit this page on the ODE website for more information.

**2019 Spring Teacher Job Fairs**

- **Education Job Fair**, University of Findlay, February 27, 2019
- **SW Ohio Education Career Fair**, Cintas Center, Xavier University, March 19, 2019
- **Kent State University Teacher Employment Day**, April 1, 2019
- **Ohio University Teacher Job Fair**, April 1, 2019
- **The Ohio State University: TeachOhio Career Fair**, April 2, 2019
- **Northeast Ohio Teacher Education Day (NOTED)**, Akron, April 2, 2019
- **The University of Toledo UTeach Job Fair**, April 8, 2019
- **Bowling Green State University Teacher Job Fair**, April 9, 2019
- **Ohio Northern University Education Expo**, Ada, April 10, 2019

Please send updates to John.Soloninka@education.ohio.gov.
Program Review Deadlines *(Be sure to read the online information.)*

**SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL:**

- Spring Program Review: Due March 15
- Fall Program Review: Due October 15

### Spring Survey Distribution Lists

Spring Student Teacher, Principal Intern, and Principal Mentor survey distribution lists – Use the format and procedure found in the Ed Prep Beginner’s Guide. Send to EdPrep@highered.ohio.gov between February 25 and March 7. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM PRIOR TO THIS TIME FRAME as candidates may drop or be removed from student teaching and this cuts down on additions and subtractions from distribution lists.

### UPDATING A DISTRIBUTION LIST

If you have a distribution list that you need to update, please email Jessica Mercerhill at jmercerhill@highered.ohio.gov.

### RESOURCES

**ODHE Ed Prep Website**: Everything you need to know about Educator Preparation in Ohio can be found on the OhioHigherEd website.

**ODHE Educator Preparation Listserv**: Anyone interested in receiving notices about educator preparation program review and approval in Ohio is invited to join the ODHE Educator Preparation listserv. Email Jessica Mercerhill at jmercerhill@highered.ohio.gov to be added.

**ODHE Program Finder**: ODHE maintains an online searchable database of Chancellor-approved Educator Preparation Providers.

**Free Training Modules and Podcasts for Educator Preparation Faculty and Candidates**: The Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) has a variety of free webinars and modules online, as well as a calendar of events.
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